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The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad originally crossed the Delmarva Peninsula from a wharf in New Castle to a wharf at Frenchtown on the Elk River in Maryland. Part of the original route, from the Delaware Railroad near Porter to New Castle, still is in operation as part of the Penn Central System. From Porter to Frenchtown, the right-of-way is abandoned for railroad purposes, although parts of it serve as country roads.

Much of the abandoned right-of-way survives as a trace along field boundaries and through second-growth woods. At Belltown Run, west of Delaware Route 401, a stone-arch bridge survives in good condition. Delaware Route 394, near the Maryland line, is built on part of the roadbed. At Frenchtown, the long curving roadbed to the Elk River survives as a county road; another portion of the roadbed east of Frenchtown is a private lane that connects with Route 213.

The most evident surviving portions of the railroad are in the valleys of small streams, where earth-fill embankments survive. The long causeway across the valley of Belltown Run is the largest of these.

Like many early railroads, the New Castle and Frenchtown was built on 10" or 12" square stone sleepers that carried the strap-iron rails. This system proyed unsatisfactory, and by the middle of the nineteenth century had been abandoned in fayor of wooden ties. Stone sleepers from the New Castle and Frenchtown, salyaged by local residents, may be seen today in the foundations of buildings near the right-of-way.

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During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the Chesapeake and Delaware drainages were the principal avenues of settlement in the middle colonies. Although they were separated by only a narrow isthmus, their political and economic histories followed different courses. Passage across the land barrier was tedious at best, even as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century. Although the portage was only five or ten miles wide in places, shippers usually preferred to take the dangerous sea route between the two bays.

As early as the middle of the seventeenth century, entrepreneurs were proposing canals, turnpikes, and other internal improvements to connect the two bays. A century and a half later, however, the portage still involved poor roads, undependable packet connections, and long delays. Albert Gallatin, in his 1808 report to Congress, recommended a series of canals that would eliminate the portages and connect New England with the South by an inland water passage. Gallatin's recommendations were eventually carried out, but not by Congress. Independent companies built canals, turnpikes and railroads, helter-skelter, along the East Coast, first-to connect major waterways, and finally to provide a single land transportation system.

While the present coastwise transportation network was evolving, dozens of companies built turnpikes, canals, and railroads that enjoyed a brief prosperity, only to be superseded in a few years by newer and cheaper routes. The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad was one of these ephemeral schemes.

As early as 1775, there was regular stage service between New Castle and Frenchtown, a jolting seventeen-mile passage over unimproved county roads that connected with the relatively comfortable packet boats on the Delaware and Elk rivers. By 1811, the demand for an improved road between the two rivers led to the construction of a short turnpike from New Castle to Clark's Corners, a distance of about three miles. The successful completion of this turnpike revived interest in the proposal for a New Castle and Frenchtown turnpike, which had been chartered in 1809 but never organized. Delaware and Maryland rechartered the New Castle and Frenchtown company in 1813, and by 1816 it had built a fifteen-mile road from Clark's Corners to Frenchtown. Until the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal was opened in 1829, the turnpike from New Castle to Frenchtown was the principal route over the portage. The success of the Frenchtown route encouraged the Elkton and Christiana Turnpike Company, which built a competitive road to connect the head of Elk River with the head of the Christina. This competition hurt the Frenchtown company, which was dependent almost entirely upon the transpeninsular stages operated by the Union Line of steamboats.

(See Continuation Sheet No. 1)

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Significance, continued

In 1821, the turnpikes suffered another blow when the Delaware General Assembly levied a tax on them to support the proposed college at Newark, denounced as "a small village in an obscure corner of this state, where it is impossible it can ever flourish." The tax was repealed the following year.

By 1827, it had become apparent that the canal across the isthmus would be completed, and would siphon away the stage traffic that supported the Frenchtown road. turnpike management began to investigate the prospect of building a railroad; a few miles to the north, citizens of Wilmington proposed to build a rail line from that city to Elkton. The Wilmington interests got their Maryland charter, and a few months later the Frenchtown company obtained permission during the 1827-28 Maryland Legislative session to expand its own operations io include a railroad in Cecil County. When the Delaware legislature met in 1829, it failed to charter the Wilmington road, but passed acts that permitted the New Castle and Frenchtown turnpike companies to build railroads. By March 1830, the two companies had raised enough new capital to permit them to build railroads. The next month, the short New Castle Turnpike was merged into the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Railroad Company. The chief engineer was John Randel, Jr., who had designed the C & D Canal, but had no experience with railroads. Randel laid out a route, a few hundred yards south of the turnpike, which was under construction by July.

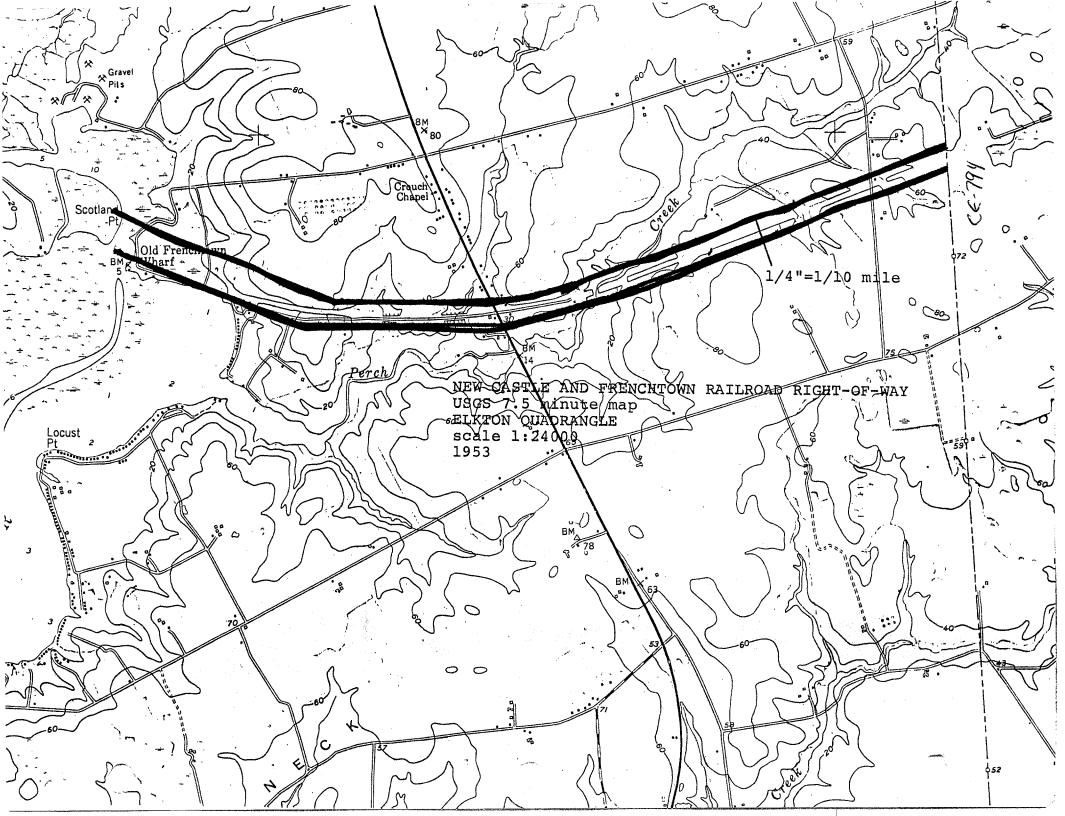
On February 28, 1832, the railroad opened for passenger service, using horsedrawn carriages because its temporary rails were too light for locomotives. By September 10, English-built steam locomotives were operating on an improved roadbed. The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad was not only among the first railroads built in the United States, but it was the first upon which steam power was applied for the transportation of passengers.

In 1833, the railroad absorbed the Steam Navigation Company, which operated packet boats to the line's termini. A competing steam packet line, operating through the canal, forced the railroad to charge unreasonably low fares that weakened its financial structure. By 1834, however, the competition had been put out of business, and the railroad enjoyed a monopoly on the passenger-carrying trade that lasted until 1837, when a new railroad network between Philadelphia and Baltimore was completed. The New Castle and Frenchtown tried to compete with the new line until 1843, when it became a subsidiary of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad. A spur to Wlimingtor chartered as the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad, was completed in 1852. the Delaware Railroad built a connection with the New Castle and Frenchtown east of Glasgow. The line west of the junction was abandoned after service to Frenchtown wharf was discontinued.

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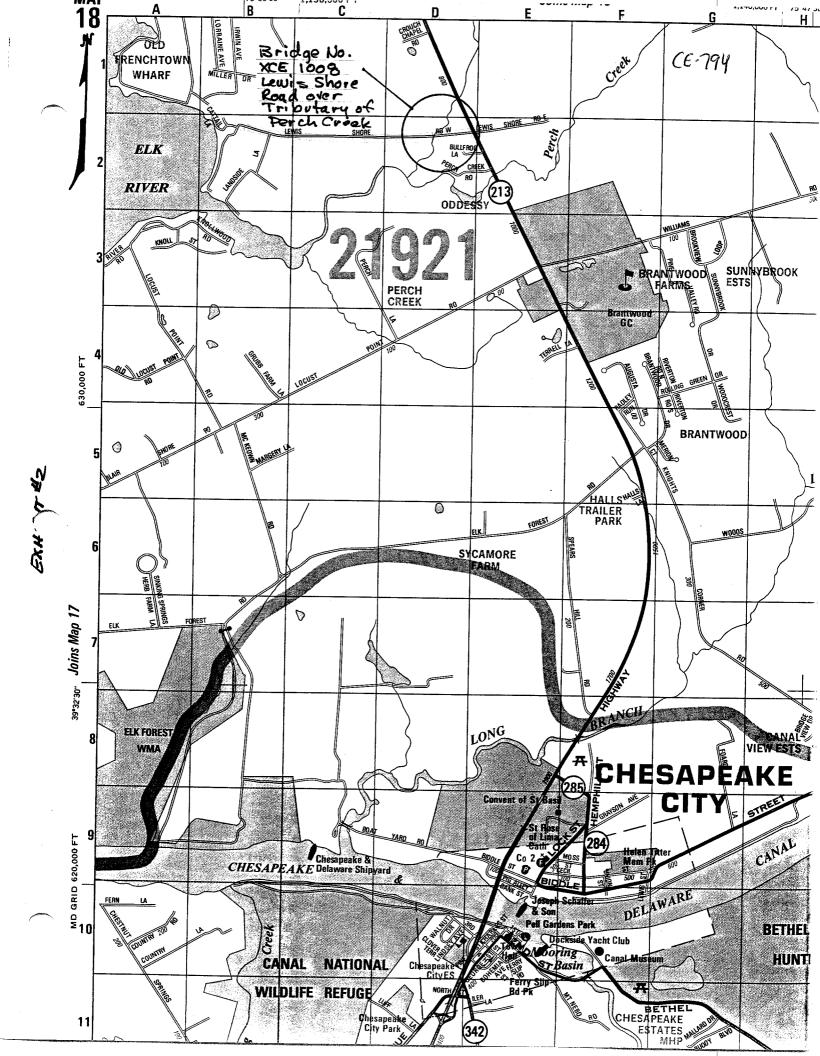
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The Lewis Shore Road Arch over a tributary of Perch Creek, Cecil County, Maryland, is a stone arch culvert which was originally built for the Frenchtown to New Castle Railroad in 1832. The railroad right of way was abandoned in the 1850s and was converted to a county road in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The culvert is brick and stone, with ashlar granite blocks on the outside face of the structure. The culvert is a contributing resource to the Frenchtown to New Castle Railroad, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, although the form does not identify any contributing resources. The new form identifies several, although the Lewis Shore Road structure appears to be the most intact of the remaining resources. It is therefore eligible under Criterion A, an early railroad structure and Criterion C, for nineteenth century engineering and architecture, for the National Register.
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
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	Western Maryland	Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)		
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	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.		
	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.		
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	Subsistence	Agriculture		
	Settlement	X Architecture, Landscape Architecture,		
		and Community Planning		
	Political	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)		
	Demographic	Government/Law		
	Religion	Military		
	Technology	Religion		
	Environmental Adaptation	Social/Educational/Cultural		
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7. Description
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Stone & brick culvert
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See attached pages

Applicable Nat	of Significance Lional Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes eria qualifying the property for National Register
X_ A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
<u>X</u> C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
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A	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
В	removed from its original location.
C	a birthplace or a grave.
D	a cemetery.
<u>X</u> E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.) See attached pages.
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Acreage of Property <u>Less than one acre</u>
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.) West Lewis Shore Road on west side of Maryland Route 213 & East Lewis Shore Road on east side of Maryland Route 213 and entrance to Boinovych property.
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)
11. Form Prepared By name/title <u>James T. Aguirre, Cecil County Bridge Coordinator</u> organization <u>Cecil County Public Works Department- Roads Division</u> date <u>February 5, 1999</u> street & number <u>758 East Old Philadelphia Road</u> telephone <u>410-996-6270</u> city or town <u>Elkton</u> state <u>MD</u> zip code <u>21921</u>
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s):

Agricultural-

Industrial

Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):Transportation

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Structure

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function (s):

Transportation

Known Design Source:

New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad

This revised nomination form, CE-794, includes data from the previous nomination report to the National Register of Historic Places Inventory by James M. Kilvington, dated April 1, 1975 and the Delaware nomination form and was made in October, 1998 to February, 1999.

Description- Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property, including construction materials.)

Right of Way and Embankment

The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad originally crossed the Delmarva Penisula with terminal points located at a wharf in New Castle, Delaware on the Delaware River and at a wharf at Frenchtown, Maryland on the Elk River. Part of the original railroad route from approximately one mile northeast of Porter, Delaware to New Castle is currently in operation as part of the Conrail system. From this point westward to Frenchtown, the right of way is abandoned for railroad purposes and portions of it serve as county roads, private lanes, hiker/biker trails and hedgerows between adjacent farms and single family houses.

Much of the abandoned right of way survives as a trace embankment along field boundaries, newly developed home sites and second growth forests. The railroad was located on a relative flat raised embankment with no heavy grades approximately five to twenty feet above the flat, featureless terrain of the Delmarva penisula. The embankment proper is trapezoidal in shape with its top approximately twenty feet in width. Since the primitive locomotives could not apparently handle curves, the right of way can be easily determined on a map by extending a straight line from the existing Conrail line north of Porter to West Lewis Shore located near Frenchtown.

Beginning in Maryland on its west terminus, the right of way can be traced as follows:

The first segment consists of abandoned railroad embankments which have been converted to parts of the Cecil County Road system. This portion is located along West Lewis Shore Road crossing Maryland Route 213 to East Lewis Shore Road. A large brick and stone arch culvert, Small Structure XCE No. 1008, survives across a tributary of Perch Creek on West Lewis Shore Road.

The second segment is located as part of the entrance to the present day Boinovych property and is indicated on current USGS mapping as "abandoned railroad grade". This little used segment is the most intact of that existing in Maryland and shows some tree growth. Where the grade again crosses Perch Creek is the remnants of a stone retaining wall which perhaps was once part of a bridge. A medium size stone arch culvert also exists here slightly to the east.

The grade extends across Hutton Road as a raised hedgerow in the third section and then crosses the Maryland/Delaware State line. Here it becomes McDaniel Lane which is a entrance lane to properties. Again this lane is paved with asphalt on the slightly lower embankment. Modern drainage structures have replaced the granite railroad appurtenances in this segment. Across Frasier Road is a very long raised hedgerow between farms. A very small rectangular stone culvert is located here. The embankment here is approximately five to ten feet in height.

At this point the land use of Delaware changes dramatically. The valley of Belltown Run and wooded areas of twenty five years ago have been replaced with the developments of Marabou Meadows, Springwood, Caravel Farms and Forest Glen. Here the slightly raised embankment is still visible and has some trees and underbrush. It serves however as a buffer between the backyards of the well to do. It can be observed by riding the cul de sacs of these upscaled developments.

From Forrestal Drive to Fox Chase Drive the embankment has been converted to a hiker/biker trail. The stone arch bridge at Belltown Run has collapsed with its granite blocks scattered in the streambed. It has been replaced by a modern prefabricated trail bridge. No structures were located in this remaining section.

Structures- Maryland

1) XCE 1008 on West Lewis Shore Road over a Tributary of Perch Creek

The Lewis Shore Road stone arch culvert, Small Structure XCE 1008, is a finished, granite arch structure formerly serving the Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad which traversed the identical route as this section of the roadway. This culvert was constructed before 1832, the year the railroad was opened. It is the largest structure still extant although the structures at East Perch Creek and Belltown Run may have been larger.

The head walls and radiating wing walls consist of dressed, granite blocks. The arch barrel consists of two portions, a top arch consisting of a double layer of bricks to its spring line and two vertical granite walls on which bears the brick arch. The invert between these vertical walls is paved with granite blocks. There is 5'-0"± of fill over the arch which until recently supported several large trees. The normal flow of water through the structure is less than a foot in depth.

West Lewis Shore Road is classified as a secondary highway. It is part of the Cecil County Road system and is located to the west of Maryland Route 213 just south of Elkton on Maryland's Coastal plain. It is a two lane, bituminous roadway and runs in a general east to west direction while the tributary of Perch Creek travels in a north to south direction. The roadway is on a flat grade across the structure and on its approaches. The horizontal alignment is tangent in the vicinity of the culvert. The roadway is 17'-0"± in

width and supports two lanes of opposing traffic. There are no shoulders adjacent to the roadway but the structure does support a variable width earthen embankment with vegetation. There are three- twelve foot sections of concrete jersey barrier attached by aluminum guide rail located on the south side embankment of the structure adjacent to the roadway.

The topography of this portion of the County is relatively flat and is agricultural interspersed with single, residential houses. The area is wooded in the vicinity of the structure and the stream meanders along a relatively flat slope. The stream bank consists mainly of natural rock setting on earthen banks. This is interspersed with finished granite blocks that have fallen from the structure head wall ruins, bricks from the arch proper and shards of broken chinaware and pottery.

The arch is 4'-1"± above the spring line and 10'-0"± wide with the vertical opening being 10'-0"± wide by 6'-1"± high. The arch barrel is 41 feet ± long. Each head wall is 15' to 16'-0"± long and the lengths of the wing walls measured along the curve are as follows: Northeast-14'-7"±, Northwest-14'-7"±, Southeast-16'-0"±, and Southwest-23'-3"±. The length of structure at the intrados is 10'-0"± and approximately 16'-0"± at the extrados.

The granite blocks which originated from the Port Deposit area are 1'-0"± wide. They are placed in ashlar bond. The brick arch ring is 1'-6"± thick with the brick dimensions being 4 1/8"± x 8 3/8"± x 2 1/8"±. The bricks are laid in header bond radiating from the arch center except for the fifth row on the east side and fourth row on the west side from the bottom which are placed in American bond. The bricks have mortared joints but are not buttered as was common with brick joints of this period. The exterior face of brick has a white wash coating on the exterior face. It is not known if this coating is original. It appears that most sections of the granite walls are free standing although there are a few sections that have been parged most notably being the bottom northeast wing wall. The blocks have larger joints then originally intended because of the earth pressures along with heavier modern highway loadings.

At present the structure is in a state of structural collapse. Whereas the granite blocks and brick have not undergone deterioration; the downstream head wall and portions of the adjacent wing walls have collapsed, a section of its upstream head wall has collapsed and sections of the interior brick arch have also fallen.

This collapse can be attributed to age, lack of preventive maintenance and several large trees which induced unpredicted loading conditions on the failed sections. Presently the recently removed trees still have their root system intermingling between the granite blocks. The roadway at the structure has recently been limited to a one lane condition, centered at the centerline of the roadway, in hopes to reduce the loadings on the exterior collapsed sections of arch. Although the structure is considered in poor condition, it could

be properly rehabilitated if a project is undertaken immediately. It appears that most of the collapsed sections remain in the vicinity of the structure but a few of the large granite blocks can be found as far as one hundred feet downstream from the outlet end of the arch proper.

The Cecil County Roads Division has undertaken a rehabilitation project starting on December 1, 1998 to correct the deficiencies of the structure outlined above.

2) Retaining Wall at Perch Creek

Upon entering the Boinovych property the former railroad embankment recrosses Perch Creek. Here it is at its highest elevation over the terrain and what exists can be classified as a steep gorge of about twenty five feet. At the base of the east side embankment is a five foot long and high section of wall consisting of dressed granite blocks. It is possibly the only remains of another arch although there are no blocks scattered in the waterway.

3) Arch Culvert on Abandoned Railroad Grade over Tributary of Perch Creek

Approximately one thousand feet east of this wall is the location of a stone arch culvert. The structure consists of finished granite blocks which are unmortared and is fed by a currently dry stream. The dimensions of the arch are 4'-7"± high and 5'-9"± in width. The exact length of structure was not determined but the arch runs at the base of a fill which is approximately ten feet in height. At the inlet end of the arch is a pile of fallen stone blocks mainly from its very narrow head wall. There are also two caved in top sections at approximately ten feet from either end of the structure. The blocks used for this structure are much narrower than those at the Lewis Shore arch. The ring does not have a key stone and the rectangular blocks have been placed radially around the arch opening.

There is a possibility that there exists another culvert about three thousand to the east of this structure and west of Hutton Road since a tributary of Perch Creek crosses the railroad grade at this location.

Structures- Delaware

1) Stone Culvert at Frasier Road

Directly opposite McDaniel Lane and across Frasier Road lies the abandoned embankment separating a farm and a single family house. Approximately fifty feet from the edge of the roadway is a very small stone culvert. This culvert consists of finished granite blocks which are unmortared and is fed by a currently dry stream. The structure is rectangular in shape being approximately two feet high and four feet wide. There are several blocks scattered at the inlet end of the structure. It is very similar in configuration

to that shown on page 275 on Arthur Johnson's The Present Condition of Maryland's Highways, dated 1899.

2) Stone Arch at Belltown Run

A stone arch existed at the vicinity of Belltown Run approximately two thousand feet west of Delaware State Route 72 near U. S. Route 40. It is in a ruined condition although sections of its wing walls exists. The structure consisted of finished granite blocks of dimensions similar to XCE No. 1008. No trace of bricks survive at the site. It is now spanned by a metal hiker/biker bridge.

Statement of Significance Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

The Lewis Shore Road Arch Culvert, Small Structure XCE No. 1008 over a tributary of Perch Creek, was an appurtenance of the Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. This railroad played a very prominent role in the history of railroading in America and any intact portion of it is highly significant. This structure, the smaller arched culvert located on private property and the embankment of the roadway and abandoned railroad grade are the only remaining portions of the railroad in Maryland.

These features have significance therefore for Criterion A- association with events that have made a significant contribution to the early growth and development of Cecil County, the State of Maryland and the United States as well as the development transportation in this country and Criterion C- the structures embody the distinctive characteristics of a period of early bridge building in this country and remain as examples of early craftsmanship. Sufficient integrity remains to these features to convey their period of significance.

Small Structure XCE No. 1008 is unique for several reasons. First it is unique to the Coastal Plain geographical division of Maryland. As a predecessor to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, it first demonstrated to the public that sturdy stone block structures when properly engineered could properly service railroads. Because it is an adaptive reuse of a railroad structure by Cecil County, its architectural features are not common for a highway arch. Its large granite blocks are common to railroad bridges which are subjected to much heavier loadings than normally seen on a highway structures but these features are common to railroad structures. Its radiating curvilinear wing walls are not common for even railroad structures and appear to be Federal style in design. Finally, it has not gone any prior alteration except for very minor parging.

Unfortunately because of its before mentioned deteriorated condition, the structure is in poor condition and does not retain the integrity of all primary and secondary defining elements for a stone and brick arch culvert. It does retain integrity of location, setting, materials and workmanship. At present it no longer has a downstream head wall and its upstream head wall may collapse in the near future. The rehabilitation project by Cecil County Roads Division will restore the integrity of the character defining elements of the deteriorated structure.

From the 1924 photographic collection of Robert Barkley of Smyrna it appears that the southeast wing wall and downstream head wall of the structure collapsed many years ago. The roadway was probably constructed over the structure without any subsequent repairs. The recently removed trees which stood over forty feet in height are mere saplings in

these early pictures. These photographs also show the abandoned roadbed at West Lewis Shore in Maryland which looks similar to the features of the right of way today with the exception of the bituminous roadway being added. The present day section of the abandoned railroad bed at the Boinovych property matches the features of the 1924 photograph.

The age of Small Structure XCE No. 1008 makes it one of the oldest highway arches still in service in the State of Maryland. The engineer or builder of this structure is unknown but the main engineer for the Railroad was John Randel, the designer of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal who was assisted by John R. Hogg. Although the structure is not located on either the 1854 or 1877 County maps, this appears to be the cartography style of the nineteenth century and it appears safe to state that the structure is original to the railroad.

The Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad stretching a distance of 16.19 miles connected Delaware with Maryland and the Delaware River with the Chesapeake Bay (via The Elk River). Construction began on the Line in July, 1830. The importance of a dependable connection between these two areas is apparent and the Railroad was an early nineteenth century competitor to the C. & D. Canal which opened in 1829. It was an early example of an improved interstate commerce network linking different modes of transportation.

The railway had 29 culverts and four stone bridges. (Note: In 1832 Small Structure XCE No. 1008 would have been classified as a bridge not a culvert.) Its fenced right of way intersected three main turnpikes which necessitated gates and crossing guards. The fence was required to keep out cattle and children.

The predecessor to the Railroad was the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike Company which was incorporated in Maryland on January 6, 1810 and a turnpike was completed by 1818. The steamboat Chesapeake made regular trips from Baltimore to Frenchtown beginning on June 21, 1813 connecting the stagecoach line on this turnpike with another steamboat from Newcastle to Philadelphia. This was the first transportation connection across the upper Delmarva penisula. Later these steamboat operations were serviced by the Union Line.

The railroad was aligned just south of this turnpike which is located along the present day Frenchtown Road. The line terminated not too far west of XCE No. 1008 in an area called the Old Frenchtown Wharf. The Frenchtown Wharf became a very important port after the Revolution and was the site of many warehouses. Its docks were usually loaded with hogsheads, barrels and boxes.

The present day roadway terminates to a private development but the railroad continued on an alignment which would join Lewis Shore Road to Frenchtown Road. Supposedly the remnants of the wharf are still intact but they lie on private property and their

whereabouts could not be ascertained. This wharf was where passengers and freight was delivered to and from steamers which made their way down the Elk River to the Chesapeake Bay. The eastern terminus was located in Newcastle, Delaware.

Early accounts indicate the ride was extremely rough because the line utilized wooden rails mounted on granite sleeper blocks, an early forerunner to wooden ties. This was subsequently modified when the Line converted from horse drawn stagecoaches to steam powered locomotives. The original rails were Georgia pine and were 15'-4" in length. These were also replaced also by iron rails imported from Great Britain. As can be expected many of the features of the railroad were original since the only lines in existence in that era were located in Europe.

The elegant horse drawn passenger cars were built by the Imlay Company of Baltimore and were named the Red Rover, Delaware, Annapolis, Dover, Brandywine and Wilmington. These passenger cars resembled stage coaches and were drawn by a single horse riding between the rails and carried twelve passengers. Prior to September 10, 1832 the motive power for the Line was horses. The horses were changed at the two stations at Glasgow and Bear, Delaware.

Sleeper blocks were used so that the horses carrying the passenger cars could trot on a flat surface. It is believed that there are no sleeper blocks in the vicinity of the structure although several of the fallen blocks and one still in place on the northwest wing wall have the identical double bored holes spaced approximately eight inches apart. According to some accounts sleeper blocks were twelve inch square but the structure blocks in ruin are 1'-0"± x 1'-7"±. The reason for the holes in these larger blocks is unknown but the stones could possibly have been rejected for use as sleeper blocks or that unused sleeper blocks were used to replace missing stones in the structure. Some existing photographs of sleeper blocks in Delaware are similar to those lying in the stream bed.

This Line was the one of the first that was steam powered railroad in this country and was serviced by a locomotive constructed in England. This locomotive, the Delaware, was assembled in New Castle by Matthias Baldwin who would later become the leading locomotive engine builder in this Country. He based his first designs on the Delaware. Because of difficulties he had in the assemblage of this first locomotive and its subsequent bad operating performances, Congress removed the heavy tariffs from the importation of British constructed locomotives into this country.

The next two locomotives used for the Line were again made in England and christened the Maryland and Pennsylvania. Another English made locomotive was named the Virginia and the first American made locomotive was the New Castle named after its place of origin. The train traveled twelve miles per hour making the trip in one hour. It was a single track line which handled both passenger and freight service. The first steam locomotives had no cabs, cowcatchers. brakes or whistles.

Many officials and dignitaries including President Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, David Crockett, Henry Clay, Lord Ashburton, Samuel Houston, Louis Napoleon, Stonewall Jackson, John C. Calhoun, the British Consul to the State of Massachusetts and an Indian delegation including Chief Black Horse traveled the railroad once it became steam powered probably because of its novelty. At least two accounts were penned of the exciting trip of this line. One was an experience by David Crockett in April, 1832 and the other by Lord Ashburton in 1840. Another account was made of the initial trip of the railroad which was offered to 200 gentlemen, no ladies invited, on a Saturday complete with speeches and a banquet. The trip took one hour and seven minutes.

The Line is also noted for its pioneering in the field of railroad signals. The signals employed were flags mounted on poles which were hoisted by employees utilizing telescopes to check the location of the approaching train and the adjacent signals. A black flag indicated lateness of disability, a white flag indicated smooth riding. The flags later had a black or white ball centered on them for visual clarity. The line experienced frequent derailments due to the popping of iron rails from its timber tracks and its personnel were required to constantly check the rails for secureness. The Line was the first to utilize a primitive hissing sound from the locomotive for warning, a predecessor to the first steam powered whistles.

The Railroad was used regularly for two decades but the completion of C & D Canal took away most of its freight traffic. It still served effectively as a passenger line and was used as late as 1853. In 1852 a turntable for instance was constructed at Frenchtown. This was also the date of the completion of the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad and the Delaware Railroad and the line west of Delaware fell into disuse. In 1857 the westernmost nine miles of the line were abandoned and the tracks removed. Its official abandonment date is listed as November 30, 1859. A petition was made to the Cecil County Commissioners on March 20, 1866 to convert the unused roadbed in Maryland as a county road. This section was then utilized as an unimproved county lane.

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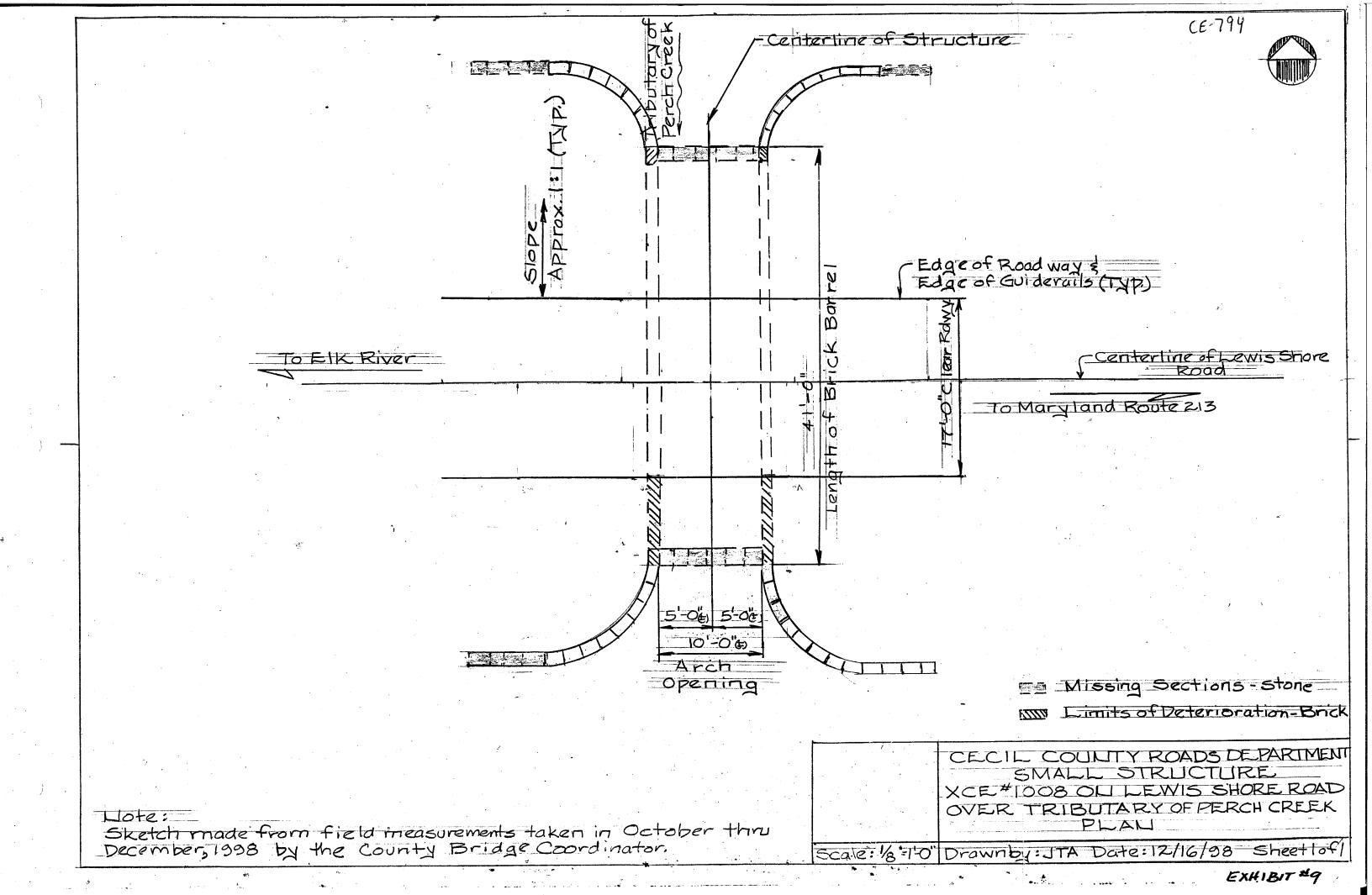
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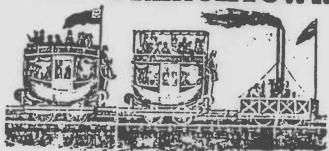
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- 1) Map No. B-16, Maryland General Highway Statewide Grid Map.
- 2) Map No. 18, ADC Street Map Book- Cecil County, Md.
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- 8) Typical Section of Arch
- 9) Plan of Small Structure No. XCE 1008
- 10) Advertisement Bill for Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad.
- 11) Typical Trains of the 1830's.
- 12) Sleeper Block Details for the Newcastle and Frenchtown Railroad.
- 13) 1924 Photograph of Downstream Elevation of Structure, Rails Along the Chesapeake.
- 14) 1924 Photograph of Roadbed looking East, Rails Along the Chesapeake.
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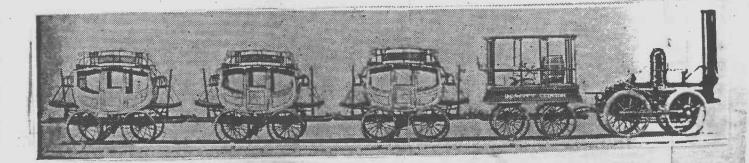
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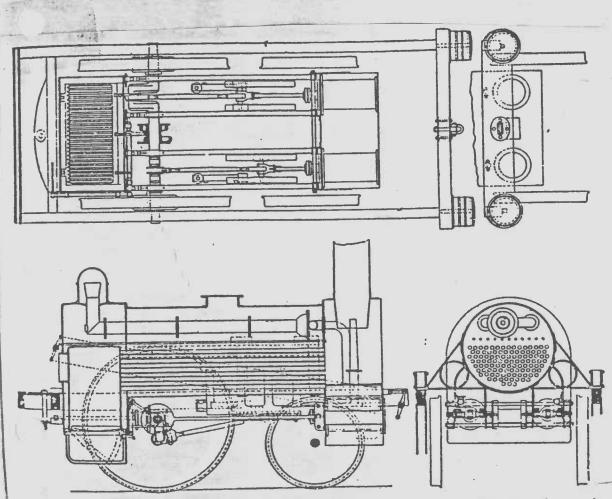
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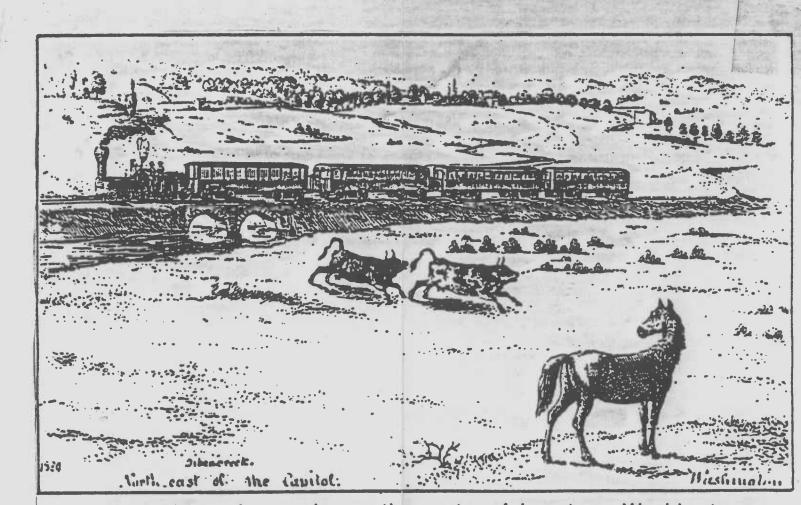
THE CONVEYANCE OF TONNAGE on the Rail Road to and from HARPER'S FERRY commenced on, and will continue from Monday the 1st December, 1834.



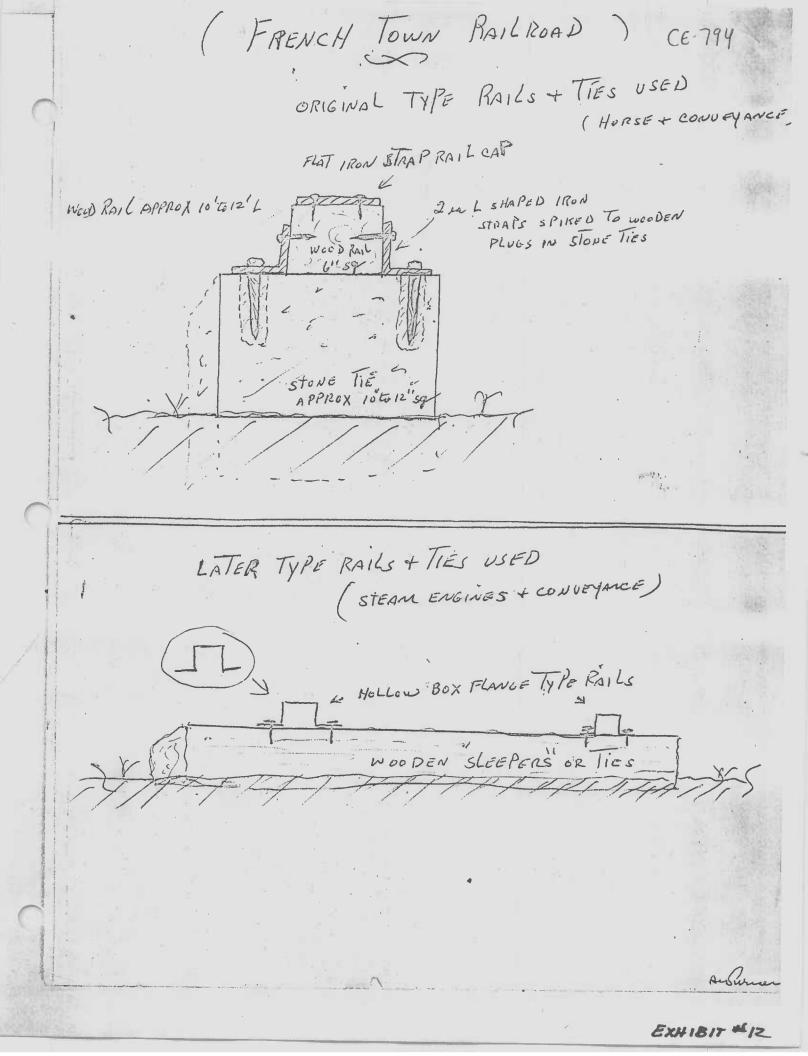


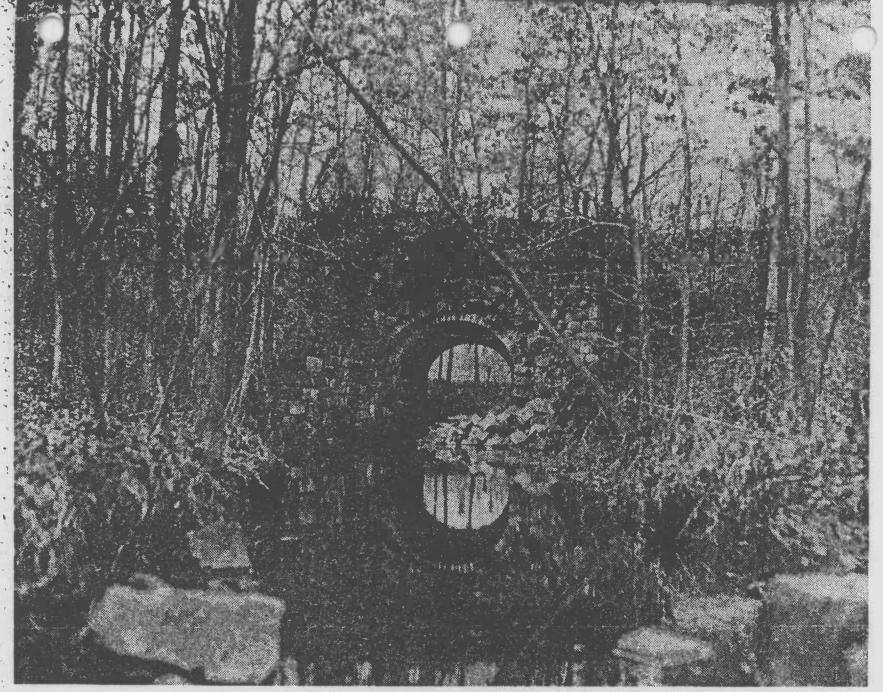


Drawing of a locomotive built by Robert Stephenson & Company and believed by them to be that of the original *Delaware* of the New Castle & Frenchtown Rail Road. (Railway and Locomotive Historical Society)



This idyllic rural scene is now the center of downtown Washington. The view looks northeast from the Capitol at the approximate present location of Union Station Plaza, as it was seen by a contemporary artist in 1839. EXHIBITEII





The ruins of a stone arch culvert between U. S. Route 213 and the Elk River were still standing after 65 years of neglect, a tribute to the builders' workmanship. (Robert J. Barkley)

EXHIBIT 413



This photograph shows the abandoned roadbed between U. S. Route 213 and the Elk River as it appeared about 1924. Except for a short segment upon which a secondary road has been constructed, the right-of-way is no longer this easy to follow. (Robert J. Barkley)

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EXHIBIT NO. 15

To the Hon'l Commissioners of Cecil County.
Gentlemen,

Your petioners residents of Cecil County respectfully represent that the public convenience will be promoted, by an alteration in the route of the Public Road leading or running from James Marcus's near the Elk River to New Castle & Frenchtown Turnpike. The said alteration to consist in a vacation of so much of said road as lies between the said turnpike and the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad and the location of a Public Road of the bed of the aforesaid New Castle & Frenchtown Rail Road from the point where the present road now diverges from said Rail Road to the Elkton & Warwick Road.

Enclosed "Filed March 20th 1866 Thomas Miller, Dan'l Bratton Joshua Jackson, appt. Examiners Geo. W. Denny
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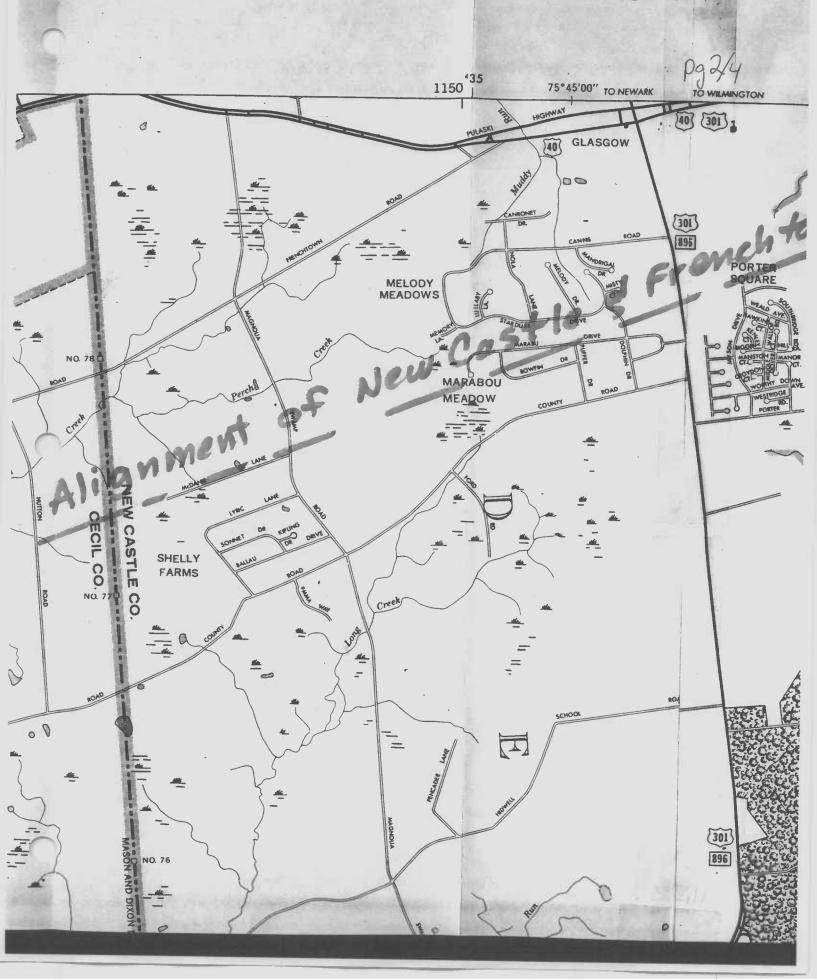
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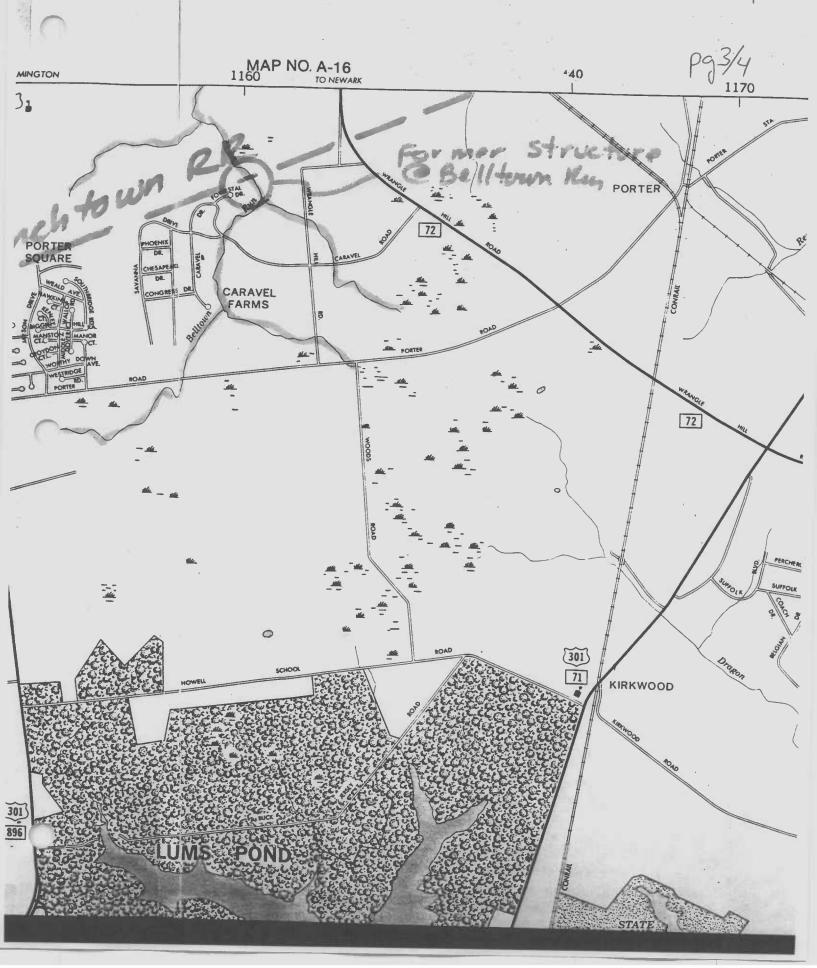
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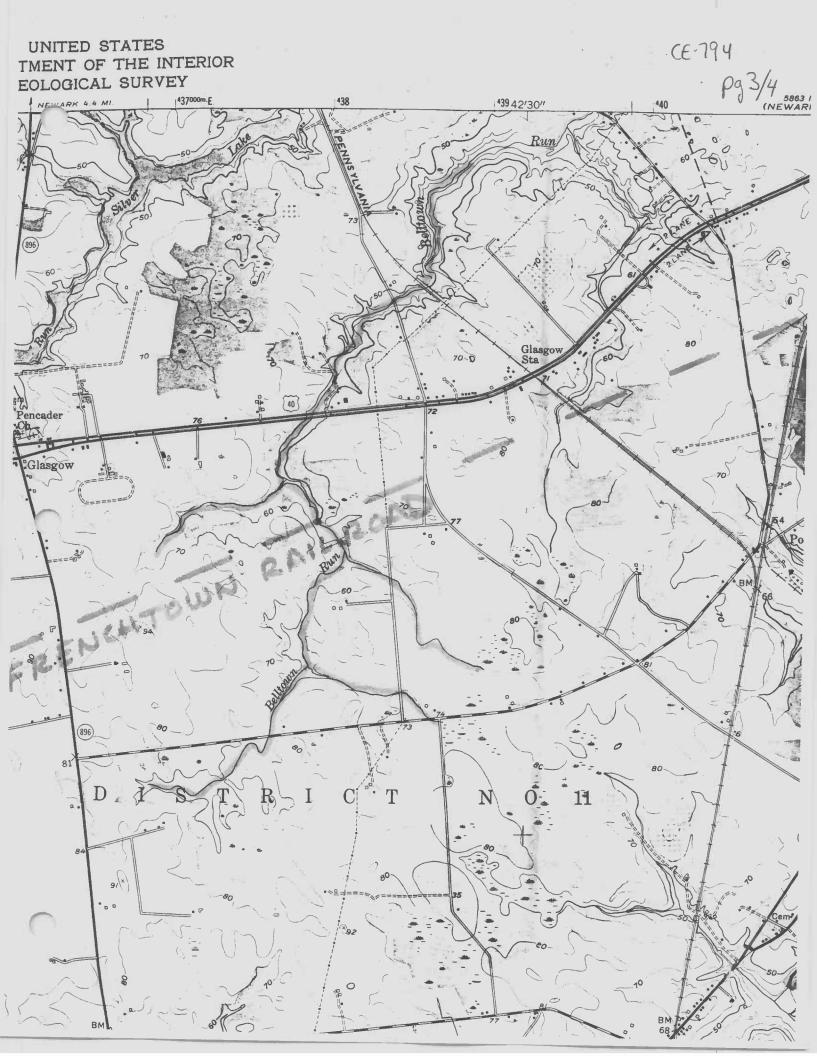


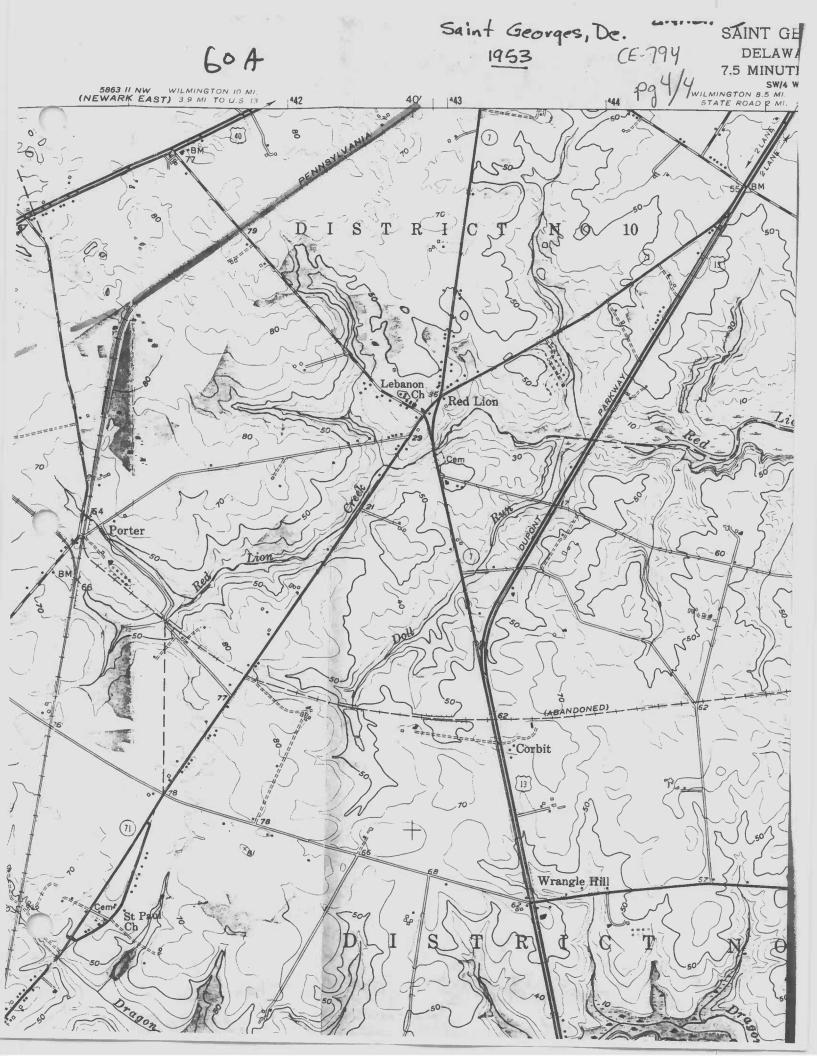


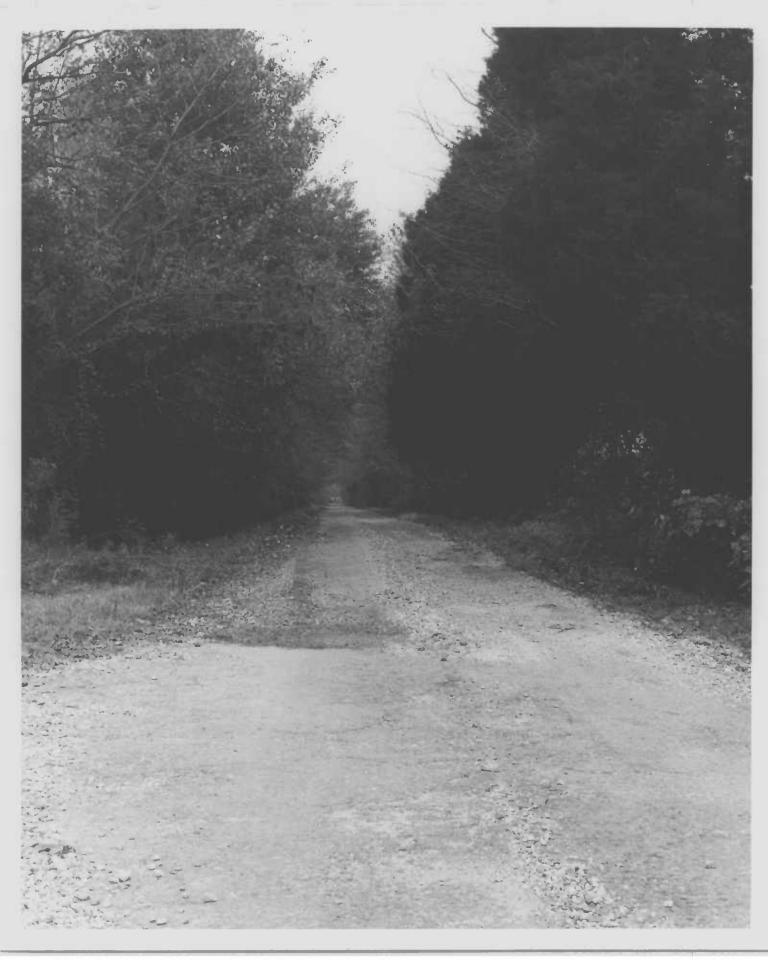
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